

Director

Name: Joe Kucksdorf

Credentials:

PT, DPT

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopedic Physical Therapy (OCS)

Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (FAAOMPT)

Education:

2016 OMPT Fellowship Evidence In Motion

2010 DPT Concordia University Wisconsin

2007 BS Exercise Science UW-Green Bay

Employer and Position:

Physical Therapist/ Team Leader Clinical Quality and Professional Development Bellin Health

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DIRECTOR

1. What experiences would you bring to the position of Director that makes you a strong candidate?

I have had the opportunity to serve with APTA Wisconsin for over the last 10 years. I have held multiple positions at the district level and more recently as a director on the board of directors. During that time, I have had ability to lead and contribute to various committees (financial committee), task forces, and special interest groups (SIG) such as the professional development SIG. I have had the chance to help plan multiple state conferences, service, advocacy and continuing education offerings including administering and teaching in the NE District OMPT Professional Development Program. The six, two-day course program has helped over 125 PTs improve in their ability to provide evidence-based orthopedic care over the last 8 years. These experiences have provided me with the skill set allowing me to understand what the professional association does well and identify areas for potential improvement. I hope to use that skill set along with my own personal professional development and leadership to contribute to the association and our profession in a meaningful way.

2. What current or future Chapter activities would you like to advance as a member of the Board of Directors and how do you plan on achieving this?

The biggest project I am involved is helping move forward legislation at the state level that would limit health insurance companies' ability to create burdensome

PT authorization requirements. The issue has gained national attention and other states has been successful in passing similar legislation. I feel confident we will be able to do the same. Passing legislation would improve access to PT as well as decrease the time and financial burden placed on patients, PT/PTAs, and PT/PTA employers. We have been successful in moving the legislation forward thus far. By collaborating with APTA at the national level, other state chapters, leveraging our own individual member expertise, our lobbyists, representatives, and patients, we are working to make the legislation a reality.

I also am committed to helping APTA Wisconsin show its members *value* of their membership. Using a needs-based process I hope to help the association identify impactful services and work that will make a difference in the professional lives of our members. I also hope that work extends to current non-members, attracting more to contribute to membership in the future. This will allow the association to grow, become stronger in advocating and advancing the physical therapy profession through the state and beyond.